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From: Tomten, Dave
Sent: Mon 8/10/2015 6:59:18 PM
Subject: RE: OSWER, R8 Action; Guardian; DDL COB; Aminos River Spill (Deadline: TODAY)

Also, FYI, there is no inventory of adits that drain water. Presumably, HQ and/or R8 will provide some context on roles and responsibilities of the various government agencies when it comes to dealing with historic mines and modern mines, including FLMA's, state dam safety and mine reclamation authorities, and EPA. Not to deflect, just to provide the facts.

From: MacIntyre, Mark
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 12:48 PM
To: Marcy, Ken
Cc: Tomten, Dave
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Does this mean we DON'T have any kind of tailings impoundment inventory for the Region???

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Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Marcy, Ken" <Marcy.Ken@epa.gov>
Date: August 10, 2015 at 11:36:50 AM PDT
To: "Philip, Jeff" <Philip.Jeff@epa.gov>, "Grandinetti, Cami" <Grandinetti.Cami@epa.gov>
Cc: "MacIntyre, Mark" <Macintyre.Mark@epa.gov>, "Dunbar, Bill" <dunbar.bill@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: OSWER, R8 Action; Guardian; DDL COB; Aminos River Spill (Deadline: TODAY)

Jeff, Mark – one thing to keep in mind – the briefing memo on the R10 Mt. Polley type sites in for internal purposes only. We are responding to a request from Gina to develop lists in conjunction with R8 and R9 – so this memo should not be provided to the press and the content should not be referenced. We are meeting with Dennis again tomorrow to discuss – I believe Bill will be there, but it would be good to get concrete guidance on just what information the Region should be providing. Thanks, Ken

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From: Philip, Jeff

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To: Grandinetti, Cami; Marcy, Ken

Cc: MacIntyre, Mark

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I am on it. I'll find out who in R8 Communications and HQ we need to keep plugged in

Jeff Philip

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From: Grandinetti, Cami

Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 10:45 AM

To: Marcy, Ken
Cc: MacIntyre, Mark; Philip, Jeff
Subject: RE: OSWER, R8 Action; Guardian; DDL COB; Aminos River Spill (Deadline: TODAY)

Mark and Jeff—can you share this information with whomever is appropriate as HQ is reaching out to us with these questions.

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From: Marcy, Ken
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Hey Cami,

Attached is a piece I put together with the team for Dennis (we're having a follow-up meeting tomorrow – I believe Rick is attending) – looking at Mt. Polley type sites in R10

(now expanded to R8 and R9) – we weeded out the lesser ponds, but from the write-up you can glean a figure. This does not include sites that are closed out – or the abandoned sites we're just not aware of.

I was told today that anything Aminos River related was to be referred to Jeff Phillip or Mark M – let me know if this has changed. Ken

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From: Grandinetti, Cami

Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 10:12 AM

To: Marcy, Ken

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Importance: High

Ken—do you have numbers on how many tailings facilities are in region 10—responding to the reporter's question below?

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From: Mahmud, Shahid

Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 9:53 AM

To: Adams, Bill; Biggs, Kirby; Carr, Loften; Casanova, Rafael; Doolan, Mark; Gunter, Jason; Hanley, Jim; Hathaway, Ed; Hillenbrand, John; Hoogerheide, Roger; Jackson, Brad; Jenkins, Joy; Mahmud, Shahid; Mahoney, Michael; Marcy, Ken; Moreen, Ed; Price, Lisa; Progeess, Christina; Purcell, Mark; Riley, Gary; Root, Charlie; Sparks, Sara; Teichert, Candice; Tomten, Dave; Adams, Bill; Autrey, Brad; Aycock, Jim; Baumgarten, Gary; Bless, Diana; Butler, Barbara; Carr, Loften; Chadwick, Dan; Cherepy, Andrea; Conway, Bette; Cozza, Daniel; Cruz, Francisco; Desai, Sheila; Deschambault, Lynda; Devito, Steve; DiCosmo, Nefertiti; Dixon, Douglas; Doolan, Mark; Forren, John; Forrest, Sabrina; Geselbracht, Jeanne; Godsey, Cindi; Goodrick, John; Grandinetti, Cami; Hanley, Jim; Hardy, Michael; Hathaway, Ed; Hillenbrand, John; Hood, Lynne; Housman, Van; Hudiburgh, Gary; Jackson, Brad; Jenkins, Joy; Jessop, Carter; Byrne, Jim; Johnson, Brent; Long, Larry; Lavaty, Ann; Lazorchak, Jim; Lensink, Andy; Lesser, Ben; Ellis, Lisa; Low, Seth; Mahmud, Shahid; Mahoney, Michele; Manoyan, Simon; Marcy, Ken; Mayer, Kevin; Miller, Anna; Egidi, Philip; Progeess, Christina; Purcell, Mark; Riley, Gary; Root, Charlie; Roy, Stephen; Russell, Carol; Teichert, Candice; Teitelbaum, Daniel; Tiago, Joseph; Tomten, Dave; Watt, Jamey; Wilkening, Matt

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Importance: High

Do we have any numbers on the questions posed by the reporter below? I know Region 10 was doing something to respond to the Canadians to follow up on Mt. Polly but I am not sure what the other regions have. Thanks!

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From: Dreyfus, Melissa G.
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 12:14 PM
To: Mahmud, Shahid
Cc: Gartner, Lois; Wells, Suzanne
Subject: FW: OSWER, R8 Action; Guardian; DDL COB; Aminos River Spill (Deadline: TODAY)

From: Cohen, Nancy
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 12:09 PM
To: Dreyfus, Melissa G.
Cc: Wells, Suzanne; Gartner, Lois
Subject: FW: OSWER, R8 Action; Guardian; DDL COB; Aminos River Spill (Deadline: TODAY)

Melissa: I want to follow the correct process on press inquiries related to the Aminos River spill but don't want to lose time either. So here's an inquiry we received from OPA. We may also get it via the EOC.

Thanks, nancy

Nancy Cohen

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From: Daguiard, Robert
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 11:31 AM
To: Smith, Paula; Faulk, Libby; McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa; Mylott, Richard; Cohen, Nancy
Subject: OSWER, R8 Action; Guardian; DDL COB; Aminos River Spill

All, I've sent this inquiry to Region 8 already, but it looks as though OSWER might want to take a look at the first two questions. Please let me know.

If we could get a response by COB Today, the reporter could run the story in tomorrow's paper. Please advise. Thanks, R.

From: Karl Mathiesen
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 7:45 AM
To: Daguillard, Robert
Subject: Guardian media enquiry

Hi Robert,

I'm a journalist with the Guardian writing a piece on the release from the Gold King Mine in Colorado.

I have a few questions on the background of the situation. Please do your best to answer them all.

On the general state of tailings dams and mines. How many such storage facilities are there across the country? How does the EPA monitor the maintenance and condition of mines and dams that are holding contaminated water? Are abandoned mines, like Gold King, monitored?

It has been reported that the EPA has been trying to designate the area as a superfund area for some time. When was the idea first floated? Why was it unsuccessful? Does the EPA believe the spill would have occurred regardless of the lack of superfund designation? Would that have changed the way the clean up was undertaken (ie would there have been more money available and therefore less likelihood of a failure?)?

Best,

Karl

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Karl Mathiesen

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